

SENATE BILL 1485

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-121, relative to certain vulnerable persons who are missing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-121, is amended by deleting the language “missing citizen alert program” wherever it appears and substituting instead the language “Care Alert program”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-121, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b) For the purpose of this section, “missing citizen” means:

(1) A person whose age at the time the person is first reported missing is sixty (60) years of age or older; whose whereabouts are unknown; who has an impaired mental condition as determined by a local law enforcement agency; and who is believed to be in danger because of age, health, mental, or physical disability, in combination with environmental or weather conditions, or is believed to be unable to return to safety without assistance;

(2) A person of any age who suffers from a documented case of dementia; whose whereabouts are unknown; who is believed to be in danger because of the dementia or physical impairment; and is believed to be unable to return to safety without assistance; or

(3) A person whose age at the time the person is first reported missing is eighteen (18) years of age or older; whose whereabouts are unknown; who has an intellectual, developmental, or physical disability; and who is believed to be in

danger because of the disability, or is believed to be unable to return to safety without assistance.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-121(c)(1), is amended by deleting the language “subdivisions (b)(1)-(3)” and substituting instead the language “subdivision (b)(1)” and is further amended by deleting the language “subdivision (b)(4)” and substituting instead the language “subdivision (b)(2) or (b)(3)”.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-121(c)(2), is amended by deleting the language “impaired mental condition or physical impairment” and substituting instead the language “impaired mental condition, physical impairment, dementia, or disability”.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-121, is further amended in subsection (a) and subdivision (c)(1) by deleting the language “dementia or physical impairment” and substituting instead the language “dementia, physical impairment, or disability”.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.